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(54) Title: ENHANCING DRUG DELIVERY ACROSS AND INTO EPITHELIAL TISSUES USING OLIGO ARGININE MOIETIES

(57) Abstract: This invention provides compositions and methods for enhancing delivery of drugs and other agents across epithelial tissues, including the skin, gastrointestinal tract, pulmonary epithelium, and the like. The compositions and methods are also useful for delivery across endothelial tissues, including the blood brain barrier. The compositions and methods employ a delivery enhancing transport that has sufficient guanidino or amidino sidechain moieties to enhance delivery of a compound conjugated to the reagent across one or more layers of the tissue, compared to the non-conjugated compound. The delivery enhancing polymers include, for example, poly-arginine molecules that are preferably between about 6 and 25 residues in length.

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Although claim(s) 3 and 38 are directed to a diagnostic method practised on the human or animal body, a search has been carried out, based on the alleged effects of the conjugate.
2. Claims Nos.: **1, 2, 4-37, 39-80, 99-101 and part of 3 and 38**
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see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
3. Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
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4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:
3 in part, and 38

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- The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
 No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 3 in part, and 38

Method for enhancing transport of a compound across tissue, in which the compound is a contrast agent.

2. Claims: 3, 44, 48 in part, and 51-53

Method for enhancing transport of a compound across tissue, in which the compound is an antifungal agent.

3. Claims: 3, 44, 48 and 56 in part

Method for enhancing transport of a compound across tissue, in which the compound is an antiproliferative agent.

4. Claims: 3, 44 and 56 in part, and 81-84, 102, 106 and 107

Method for enhancing transport of a compound across tissue, in which the compound is an immunosuppressive agent.

5. Claims: 3, 48, 56 and 102 in part, and 49, 50, and 104

Method for enhancing transport of a compound across tissue, in which the compound is an antiinflammatory corticosteroid.

6. Claim : 3 in part

Method for enhancing transport of a compound across tissue, in which the transport enhancing polymer is a non-natural peptide other than oligo arginine.

7. Claim : 40

Method for enhancing transport of a compound across tissue, in which the transport enhancing polymer is a non-peptide derived from oligo arginine.

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Claims Nos.: 1, 2, 4-37, 39-80, 99-101 and part of 3 and 38

In view of the

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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